

REMARKS

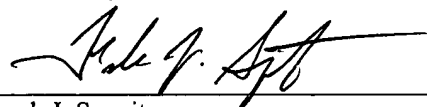
This preliminary amendment and election responds to the office action mailed August 10, 2005. In accordance with the office action, the Applicant hereby elects for prosecution the single species collectively represented by Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B, as identified by the Examiner. New claims 41-48 have been added. These new claims are fully supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been introduced. Claims 24-27, 35-36, and 38-48 are readable on the elected species. Claim 37 has been withdrawn, but Applicant reserves the right to have this claim reinstated upon the allowance of a generic claim. The claims pending in this application after entry of this preliminary amendment are claims 24-27, 35-36, and 38-48.

In paragraph 3 of the office action, the Examiner states that no claim currently appears generic. The Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 24, 38, and 41 are generic and readable on the elected species identified by the Examiner. It is understood that upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

In response to the Examiner's comments on page 4 of the office action, the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the specification has been amended to more clearly identify the embodiments depicted in the Figures. Descriptions have also been added for Figures 3D and 3E. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment, and the specification has been revised to include what was already shown in the Figures as originally filed.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments and remarks into the record, and consideration thereof by the Examiner.

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